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ARTICLE 29 COMMITTEE

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1. WE NOTE THAT DRAFT ARTICLE ON SECURITY COUNCIL
SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEE IS BECOMING MORE SPECIFIC AND INVOLVED.
FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND PROPOSAL ARE AIMED AT RETURNING
DISCUSSION TO GENERALIZED GUIDELINE WHICH IS BASIC US
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APPROACH.

2. REGARDING SOVIET DESIRE TO DELETE IN PARA 1 THE PHRASE "WHENEVER IT APPEARS USEFUL TO IT", WE COULD ACCEPT SUCH DELETION IF SOVIETS ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT PARA 1 AS IT NOW STANDS (I.E., WITH SECOND WORD "COULD" AND WITHOUT PHRASE "AND ASSIST"). USDEL ACCEPTANCE OF SOVIET-PROPOSED DELETION SHOULD BE ON SPECIFIC CONDITION THAT SOVIETS ACCEPT PARAGRAPH WITH THEIR DELETION AND WITH NO OTHER CHANGES.

3. WE HAVE CONSIDERED VARIOUS FORMULATIONS FOR PARAS 2 AND 3 INCLUDING RASH OF BRACKETED PHRASES AND WORDS. AFTER LOOKING AT MATTER IN ITS ENTIRETY, WE BELIEVE THAT BEST FORMULATION WOULD BE FOLLOWING REVISION OF US PARA 2:

"SUCH A COMMITTEE COULD CONSIDER VARIOUS ASPECTS OF A PEACEKEEPING OPERATION INCLUDING REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, AND COULD TRANSMIT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ITS COMMENTS AND VIEWS (IF ACCEPTED BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE COMMITTEE) ON THESE MATTERS, WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD CONSIDER AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME."

FOREGOING FORMULATION IS BASED UPON FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

A) FRENCH-SOVIET PARA 2 WHICH SPEAKS OF MANDATE GIVEN BY SECURITY COUNCIL TO SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEE IS UNDESIRABLE SINCE SUCH MANDATE COULD CONCEIVABLY GO BEYOND ROLE OF COMMITTEE AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 1;

B) FOREGOING PROPOSAL IS SHORTER AND COVERS ALL MAJOR POINTS;

C) WE SEE NO REASON TO MENTION WHETHER MEMBER OF SECURITY COUNCIL MIGHT REQUEST A MEETING, SINCE THIS RIGHT WOULD EXIST IN ANY CASE;

D) SINCE ANY SC MEMBER COULD REQUEST MEETING OF COUNCIL AT ANY TIME, AND SINCE COUNCIL MAY AT A CERTAIN TIME HAVE BEFORE IT OTHER MATTERS OF HIGHER PRIORITY, WE BELIEVE IT UNWISE FOR COUNCIL TO BE REQUIRED TO CONSIDER A COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION WITHIN ANY SPECIFIED TIME
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PERIOD;

E) MOST IMPORTANTLY, PARA 3 PHRASEOLOGY WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO GIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO SECURITY COUNCIL, AND WE BELIEVE THAT GUIDELINES, WHICH WOULD BE APPROVED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SHOULD NOT BE IN NATURE OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SECURITY COUNCIL ON HOW IT SHOULD OPERATE. SOVIETS SHOULD ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE THIS ARGUMENT.

4. UK PARA 4 IS WORTHWHILE AND WOULD THEN BECOME PARA 3
UNDER US PROPOSAL.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL IN
PARA 3 ABOVE. MISSION SHOULD ALSO SEEK VIEWS OF UK DEL
ON THIS PROPOSAL. MAW

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